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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8849

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MISSING BRITISH CITIZENS

REF: ADDIS 8670 (NOTAL), ADDIS 8680

1. BRIT AMB TOLD CHARGE EVENING JULY 26 HE HAD REPORT FROM HIS EMBASSY IN KHARTOUM THAT LETTERS HAD JUST BEEN RECEIVED FROM "DANAKIL THREE" INDICATING THEY STILL ALIVE AND ARE HELD BY ELF. HE ALSO SAID BRITS HAD RECEIVED NEW REPORT OF SIGHTING OF TYLER FAMILY "SOMEWHERE NORTH OF ASMARA."

2. RE DISAPPEARANCE OF JOURNALIST JON SWAIN, AMBASSADOR SAID HE EXPECTED NEWS OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE TO BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE SHORTLY. STORY THAT SWAIN IS MISSING APPARENTLY BEGINNING TO CIRCULATE ON FLEET STREET, AND HMG AND LONDON SUNDAY TIMES ARE CONCLUDING THEY CAN NO LONGER SIT ON IT. (INDEED IT MAY ALREADY BE PUBLIC. ONE MEMBER OF EMBASSY STAFF RECALLS HEARING SWAIN'S NAME MENTIONED ON BBC DAY OR SO AGO.) BRITS STILL HAVE RECEIVED NO WORD CONCERNING HIS WHEREABOUTS.

3. SUGGEST DEPT REPEAT ADDIS 8670 TO LONDON, KHARTOUM AND MOGADISCIO ON CLOSE HOLD BASIS.

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